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Applicant: Carlyle, et al.

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Title: MEDICAL DEVICES WITH ASSOCIATED GROWTH FACTORS

Documents Transmitted:

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RCE Transmittal and Fee Authorization, in duplicate (4 pages)

Fee Calculation Worksheet (1 page)

Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) (1 page)

Amendment Submitted with Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
(13 pages)Communication Regarding Uninitialed Reference on Form 1449 with enclosures
(7 pages)

Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL
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Applicant: Carlyle, et al.

Examiner: Paul Prebilic

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1. This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.
2. The following are submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.
 - a. Previously Submitted
 - Amendment/Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on
 - Appeal Brief previously filed on
 - Reply Brief previously filed on
 - Other
 - b. Enclosed
 - Response Accompanying Request for Continued Examination Under 37 CFR § 1.114
 - Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - Information Disclosure Statement
 - Petition for Extension of Time
 - Other: Communication Regarding Uninitialed Reference on Form 1449 with enclosures
3. Miscellaneous
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months.
 - b. Other:

4. Fees

a. Check(s) for required fees

1. Check in the amount of for
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RCE filing fee.
for request for suspension of action
for an Extension of Time

b. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account number 50-1038. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

1. The RCE fee of \$942.00 required under 37 CFR 1.17(e).
2. The request for suspension of action
3. The Extension of Time fee of \$420.00 for two months
4. Other:

c. Payment is made via credit card. (Form PTO-2038 is enclosed)c. Authorization is hereby given to charge any fees that relate to the filing of this RCE and are necessary to avoid abandonment of this application, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account Number 50-1038. If an extension of time for replying is necessary, the undersigned hereby petitions therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

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FEE CALCULATION

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fees
Total Claims	24	27	0	X \$18.00	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	7	5	1	X \$86.00	\$ 172.00
RCE Filing Fee					\$770.00
				TOTAL FEES	\$942.00

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COMMUNICATION REGARDING UNINITIALED REFERENCE ON FORM 1449

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Dear Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on April 7, 2004, but have not received notification that all of the references submitted with Information Disclosure Statements have been considered and/or acknowledged.

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement on March 15, 1999. A second Information Disclosure Statement was filed on October 28, 1999. Applicants received initialed 1449s indicating the Examiner's acknowledgement of these references with the June 5, 2000 Official Action. Of the 19 references submitted with the March 15, 1999 Information Disclosure Statement all but one reference was either initialed or crossed off by the Examiner. The absence of the Examiner's initials on the remaining reference, Reference BC, is believed to be an oversight as this reference was submitted in a conforming manner, was not crossed off to indicate that it was not in

conformance and not considered and was not mentioned in the Office Action as not being in conformance and not having been considered. The Examiner respectfully is requested to initial reference BC for the record.

Copies of the relevant sheets of the Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, and transmittal documentation are enclosed. Applicants are not forwarding a copy of reference BC with this communication. However, if the Examiner deems it necessary, a copy of reference BC will be resubmitted.

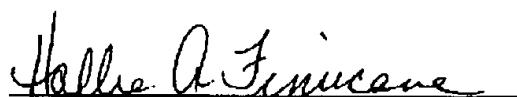
If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' attorney of record, Hallie A. Finucane at (952) 253-4134.

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Receipt is hereby acknowledged by the Assistant Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks of the following items in the matter of:

Applicant : Carlyle et al.

Serial No./Patent No.: 09/186,810

Filed/Issued : November 5, 1998

Title/Mark : PROSTHESIS WITH ASSOCIATED GROWTH FACTORS

1. Information Disclosure Statement
2. Form PTO-1449
3. 19 Cited References



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